

JOHN M. HANDSBY.

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Mr. WALDO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John M. Handsby, respectfully report:

The petitioner represents that he was a soldier in the late war with Mexico, and was wounded in the battle of Cerro Gordo, in the line of his duty, on the 18th day of April, 1847; that he was discharged from service at New Orleans on the 25th day of May following, without further pay or pension; that he was under the charge of a surgeon from that time until the middle of September, 1847, at an expense of \$75, besides his loss of time and board bill during the same period; and he asks Congress to pass a bill for his relief.

From a certificate signed by the Hon. Thomas L. Harris, the committee learn that the said Handsby was badly wounded at the battle of Cerro Gordo, and that he is now on the list of invalid pensioners for the same, at the rate of twelve dollars per month, and has been in the receipt of that amount since the 19th day of July, 1848. If the said Handsby was honorably discharged at New Orleans, he is entitled to receive three months' extra pay under the act of July 19, 1848; and if he was mustered into the service for twelve months, he is further entitled to receive a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land under the act of February 11, 1847. The petitioner does not state the length of his service, but from known facts it could not have been over one year. For this he has received, or is entitled to receive, his regular pay, three months' extra pay, and one hundred and sixty acres of land; and for his wounds he is placed upon the pension roll at the rate of one hundred and forty-four dollars per annum during his life. Under these circumstances the committee are of opinion that he has no further claim upon the government, and that the prayer of his petition should be denied.

